GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - SPSR Nellore District - Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - AoCs issued - WSD submitted - Enquiry Officer appointed - Report submitted - Communicated - Explanation submitted - SCN issued - Explanation submitted - to impose a penalty of "2% cut in pension for a period of one year" against him - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.964 **Dated:10.11.2022**

Read the following:

1. The District Collector, SPSR Nellore District, Rc.A1/1433/2016, Dt:23.07.2016.
2. Explanation dt:12.08.2016 of Sri P.Janardhana Rao, Tahsildar, Nellore District.
3. CCLA's,Lr.No.VS.II(2)/757/2016-1&2, Dated:22.06.2018.
4. Rc.No.A5/1433/2016, Dated:11.06.2019 of the Joint Collector-II, SPSR Nellore District (along with Enquiry Report).
5. CCLA's Ref.No.VS-II(2)/757/2016, Dated:01.07.2019
6. Explanation dt:17.07.2019 of Sri P.Janardana Rao, Tahsildar, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
7. From CCLA lr. No VS-II(2) / 757/ 2016, Dt:07.08.2019.
8. Govt.Memo.No.18023/10/2017-Vig.III(2), Dt:07.11.2019
9. From the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore, Lr.Rc.A1/1433/2016, Dt:25.05.2022
10. Letter.No.Memo.No.18023/10/2017-VIG.III(2), Dated:07/07/2022.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/51/2022-DC.SEC-APPSC, Dt:21.09.2022

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, the then Tahsildar, Nellore on the allegation of (i) his failure to safeguard the teakwood trees of Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy vari Devasthanam, Narasimhakonda, if those ore sliced and transported by an unauthorized persons, without having valid permission of the competent authority and also (ii) issued "Certificate of the Forest Produce" to private persons, without conduct of field level enquiry for cutting of Teakwood trees covered by Survey Nos.262/1 etc of Devarapalem Village. The Charged officer has submitted his explanation vide reference 2nd read above denying the charges.

2. And whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the CCLA has appointed the Joint Collector - II, SPSR Nellore District as Inquiring Officer and the Forest Settlement Officer, SPSR Nellore District as a Presenting Officer to conduct the enquiry into the charges framed against the above officer. The Enquiry Officer & Joint Collector-II, SPSR Nellore District has submitted her Enquiry Report stating that Charge No.01 is not held proved and Charge No.02 is partially proved. Further, vide reference 5th read above, a copy of the Inquiry report was communicated to charged officer as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, calling for his further explanation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer. Accordingly, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation vide reference 6th read above. In the reference 7th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., while submitting the connected records to the Government, has requested to conclude the departmental proceedings against the Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore (now retired) under rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980, as he has already retired from service on 30.06.2018.

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3. After examining the matter in detail, Govt have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "2% cut in pension for a period of one year" against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore (now retired) for the charge No.2 proved partially. Accordingly, a Show cause notice has been issued to the Charged Officer to submit his further explanation as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against him within (10) days, vide reference 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, the District Collector, Nellore has submitted the served copy of the Show cause notice, which is served on the Charged Officer on 18.05.2022, to the Government for taking further necessary action in the matter. After gone through the above, it has been observed that the Show cause notice has been served on the Charged Officer and he has not submitted his explanation if any within the prescribed time limit.

4. And whereas, in the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the proposal of the Government i.e., to impose a penalty of "2% cut in pension for a period of one year" against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore (now retired), under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980, before the Commission for their concurrence and furnish the same to Government for taking further action in the matter.

5. And whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has stated that after careful examination of the proposal in the light of records made available, Commission opined that the proposed punishment is a very paltry punishment and it may be enhanced to 10% for one year or at least if not 5% permanently and advised accordingly.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter and obtaining the orders of the competent authority under A.P. Secretariat Business Rules, have decided and hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding of 2% of monthly pension for one (1) year" against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District shall take necessary action in this matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri P. Janardhana Rao, former Tahsildar, Nellore (Retd) **through** the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri.
The Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District.

Copy to:-
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER